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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL HISTORY PROJECT

1. AS PART OF THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, A COMMITTEE OF AMERICAN ACADEMICS IS ORGANIZING A SERIES OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OF AMERICANISTS WHICH HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF PREVIOUS MESSAGES. IN ADDITION TO THESE CONFERENCES, THE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OF

AMERICANISTS (BCICA) HAS ALSO ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSISTING WITH THE PREPARATION OF INVENTORIES, OR FINDING AIDS, TO AMERICAN-RELATED MANUSCRIPTS, DOCUMENTS, OR OTHER PRIMARY SOURCES IN FOREIGN ARCHIVES. SUCH GUIDES COULD FOLLOW THE MODEL OF THE CRICK AND ALMON GUIDE TO AMERICAN MATERIALS IN THE ARCHIVES OF GREAT BRITAIN. (SAMPLE BEING POUCHED). PREPARATION OF GUIDES OF THIS NATURE HAS ALREADY BEEN ENDORSED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE, SPAIN, ITALY AND INDIA. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT A NUMBER OF OTHER NATIONS WILL SPONSOR THE PREPARATION OF SUCH INVENTORIES ON THE OCCASION OF THE BICENTENNIAL.

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2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK GOB SPONSORSHIPS OF GUIDE

TO AMERICAN-RELATED DOCUMENTS IN BRAZILIAN ARCHIVES. SUCH
A GUIDE WOULD BE A HIGHLY APPROPRIATE BRAZILIAN CONTRIBUTION

TO THE U.S. BICENTENNIAL.

3. PROFESSOR JOSEPH TULCHIN OF BCICA HAS INFORMED DEPT
THAT MARTA GONCALVES, CHIEF OF HISTORICAL ARCHIVES AT
ITAMARATY IS READY TO START WORK ON THE GUIDE AND NEEDS
ONLY AUTHORIZATION OF HER SUPERIORS. IF THIS CORRECT,
GOB SPONSORSHIP WOULD ENTAIL MINIMAL EXPENSE. IT IS
DESIRABLE THAT RAUL LIMA, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL
ARCHIVES ALSO BE AUTHORIZED TO PARTICIPATE IN PREPARATION
OF THE GUIDE. DEPT UNDERSTANDS FORD FOUNDATION HAS RE-
CENTLY MADE A GRANT TO A BRAZILIAN HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS
COMMISSION. DEPENDING ON ITS STATUS AND PURPOSES, THIS
COMMISSION MIGHT BE AN APPROPRIATE INSTRUMENT FOR THE
PUBLICATION OF THE GUIDE.

4. REPORT RESULTS OF CONVERSATIONS. KISSINGER

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